

SENATE BILL 840

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 12 and Title 70, relative to lead mining or
recovery from certain state properties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 2, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section ____.

(a) It is the public policy of this state that any lead which is or may be found on state property as the result of the discharge of a firearm, is the property of the state of Tennessee and the state has the exclusive right to mine or recover such lead.

(b) The Tennessee wildlife resource agency (TWRA) shall be the exclusive agency to participate in the mining or recovery of any lead deposited as the result of the discharge of a firearm on state property which has been leased to a private entity for the operation of a gun club. Such participation by the TWRA may include the right to enter into a contract with a private entity for the mining or recovery of such lead. The state's share of any profits derived from such recovery or mining operation shall be retained by the TWRA and earmarked to construct a building or pavilion at the Montgomery County shooting complex to serve and benefit the state championship for scholastic clay target programs. Once the building or pavilion is completed, the state's share shall be used to serve and benefit the scholastic clay target programs in such manner and to the extent deemed appropriate by the TWRA.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.